

**REMARKS:**

**REGARDING THE DRAWINGS:**

Replacement Sheets have been provided and which provide reference numeral correspondence with the amended specification. No new matter has been added.

**REGARDING THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification has been amended to provide reference numeral correspondence with the amended drawings. No new matter has been added.

**REGARDING THE CLAIMS:**

Without disclaimer or prejudice to later prosecution, claims 8, 14-16, and 19 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Claims 13, 21 and 23 have been written into independent format, but otherwise retain their original scope and are directed to the illustrated cam-arm embodiment of the claimed vehicular mounted cargo container. The dependent claims depend either directly or indirectly from these three claims.

It is respectfully asserted that all claims currently presented recite a pair of spring-biased struts, each of which includes a force communication point (C<sub>P</sub>) that is defined by a point of support of the non-cam-including arm on the cam-including arm at the cam surface and which moves across the cam surface as the two arms pivot relative to one another between the first and second strut orientations during which the force communication point (C<sub>P</sub>) remains exclusively on one side of a line oriented parallel to a direction of the operationally effective force imposed by the biasing spring between the two arms and intersecting a pivot connection between the two arms. It is respectfully asserted that the claimed combination is not disclosed in the prior art.

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The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, referencing Attorney Docket No.: 7298.098.NPUS02.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner may directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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